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[387] There is no shame, however, if one has to do the work of the other sex. The old people putter about, for example, the old women make mats, and the old men carve spoons, etc.

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If one borrows corn or rice, which is done for the most part, interest is charged at the rate of one hundred per cent annually. This is redoubled each year, and if it is finally unpaid, there may be a court case and the person may have to pay a horse (the present price of a horse is fl. 200 and for a buffalo fl. 350).

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Money is not borrowed. The reason they borrow rice and corn and why they do this from kampong fellows is that many families are too large. Land is now all divided. The kampong is full. Therefore there is actual hunger in November and December, when the crops are growing. Thus if the population continues to increase, some will have to move. The reason the Dalong folk repossessed one of the Radja's gardens was that there was an actual shortage of land. I didn't realize this trouble before. There are actually poor people here because the land is all occupied. Therefore, not even new gardens are possible here. But no one starves. I asked what the main worry was. They said getting cloth. It is very hard to get. Food is a worry only for some people.

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There are no wage earners except for those who do a bit of work in other people's gardens. The present wage is fl. 1.00 a day. Before even this was not done.

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In regard to political life there were Bima, dalu, gelarang, and kraeng (some kampongs), and the tuan tanah fifty years ago. In 1940 there were the Dutch, the radja (since 1929), the dalu, gelarang, tuan tanah, and kepala kampong. In 1950 there are the radja, the dalu, the gelarang, the tuan tanah, and the kepala kampong.